



## BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Jerry Bird, Acting Forest Supervisor  
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Greetings:

The Butte County Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide public comment on the Granite Basin OHV Development Project. The FAC is a Board of Supervisors' appointed (Brown Act) committee representing Butte County citizens' interests in the areas of recreation, forest management, tourism/economic development and environment/watershed, working closely with the Plumas and Lassen National Forests and other public land managers. These comments were developed at a public meeting with input from the public. In addition, the concept of the grant proposal was supported by the FAC when it was initiated.

Pursuant to discussion at the FAC meeting of 5-20-19, the FAC supports the project with comments and suggested additions/recommendations listed below:

- The project capitalizes on prior grant work that was initiated for development of the Granite Basin
- The Butte County Resource Conservation District diligently scoped the proposed trails, identified weaknesses and hydrology concerns, making adjustments to mitigate impacts and improve on the original proposal. We appreciate that bridges will be provided on water crossings.
- The Butte County Trails Planning Process that took place in 2018 encourages trail development based on recreational management objectives that still allow for multiple uses
  - Improved ML2/ML3 OHV access will be an important benefit to hunters in the area
  - Hiking and other uses will be enhanced by well-planned and developed trail courses
- The FAC would like to see inclusion of analysis indicating which trails would remain suitable for hiking and/or equestrian use, and existing roads and trails should be carefully analyzed for potential resource damage and continued need, during this assessment.
- We appreciate that the grant development included public input from specific user groups, such as the Ridge Riders and the Sierra Access Coalition, as well as the general public via workshops and the FAC.
  - The FAC recommends the PNF reach out to environment and watershed stakeholders to gain specific feedback and collaboration on determining a final decision on the project

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We are looking forward to the finalization of this long-awaited OHV/single-track project for the Granite Basin area.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Repanich, Chair  
Forest Advisory Committee

CC: Butte County Resource Conservation District